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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS REGARDING WFP AND FOOD
DISTRIBUTION IN IRAQ

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SUMMARY

1. (S) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REF A, ROLES AND
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE U.N. WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) AND THE
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GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ'S (GOI) MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (MOT) ARE
FURTHER DEFINED AS THEY RELATE TO THE CURRENT FOOD
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. THERE IS NO/NO WFP FOOD DELIVERY AND
DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN IRAQ. WFP PLAYS AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN
THE SYSTEM IN THE NORTH AND PROVIDES OVERSIGHT IN
SOUTH/CENTRAL, BUT IT IS A GOVERNMENT SYSTEM. ESTIMATES ARE
GIVEN FOR STOCKPILES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, ALBEIT
SKETCHY FOR THE INSIDE. WFP HAS VERY LITTLE EQUIPMENT/ASSETS
OF ITS OWN IN IRAQ. NO WFP PERSONNEL WORK AT PORT UMM QASR.
WFP NATIONAL STAFF PAYMENT SYSTEM DESCRIBED. U.S. MISSION
SHARES VIEWS ON RE-ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT SYSTEM, IF IT
WERE DERAILED. SEE PARAS 12-16. END SUMMARY.

WFP RESPONSIBILITIES

2. (S) AS REPORTED IN REF C, WFP PLAYS A MUCH GREATER ROLE
IN THE NORTH THAN IN THE SOUTH/CENTRAL REGIONS, BUT EVEN IN
THE NORTH, WFP IS NOT IN CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE OPERATION. IN
THE NORTH, WFP MANAGES THE EXTENDED DELIVERY POINT (EDP)
WAREHOUSES IN DAHUK, ARBIL, AND SULAYMANIAH, CONTRACTS FOR
THE TRUCKING FROM THE TRANSIT WAREHOUSES IN MOSUL AND KIRKUK
TO THE NORTH AND THE TRUCKS FROM THE EDPS TO THE FOOD/FLOUR
AGENTS, AND MAINTAINS THE DATABASE OF BENEFICIARIES. AS IT
DOES IN SOUTH/CENTRAL, WFP ALSO OBSERVES ALL LOADING OF
COMMODITIES, CHECKS THE BOOKS OF THE FOOD/FLOUR AGENTS,
OVERSEES THE DISTRIBUTIONS, AND CONDUCTS POST-DISTRIBUTION
MONITORING IN THE HOUSEHOLDS. IN NONE/NONE OF THE COUNTRY,
DOES WFP DECIDE THE DATES OF THE DISTRIBUTIONS, MAKE TENDERS
FOR FOOD PURCHASES, CONTRACT OUTSIDE TRANSPORT, PLAY ANY ROLE
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IN THE MILLING OPERATION (OTHER THAN OVERSEEING IT), WORK
WITH ANY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) FOR THE
GENERAL DISTRIBUTION, DO ANY DISTRIBUTIONS--EVEN IN THE
NORTH, OR MANAGE THE FOOD PIPELINE. THE MOT PERFORMS ALL THE
TASKS THAT WFP DOES NOT.

3. (C) THE MOT SERVES AS THE INTERNATIONAL PROCUREMENT AGENT
FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AND ARRANGES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
TRANSPORT OF COMMODITIES. IT ARRANGES FOR THE TRANSPORT AND
MAINTAINS THE DATABASE OF BENEFICIARIES IN THE CENTRAL/SOUTH,
AND KEEPS TABS ON THE BENEFICIARIES IN THE NORTH AS IT
CALCULATES HOW MUCH FOOD IS SENT TO THE NORTH MONTHLY BASED
ON THE BENEFICIARY FIGURES. IT ALSO MAINTAINS THE
WAREHOUSES, FLOUR MILLS, AND SILOS, AND SERVES AS THE OVERALL
PLANNING CENTER, INCLUDING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PIPELINE.

WAREHOUSES, SUPPLIES, BENEFICIARY DATABASES

4. (S) QUESTION 3.1 IN REF A. WHAT QUANTITY OF GOODS IS

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STOCKPILED? HOW MANY DAYS OF HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES DOES THIS
REPRESENT? WHO CONTROLS ACCESS TO WAREHOUSES WHERE SUPPLIES
ARE STOCKPILED?

1A. (S) WFP ESTIMATES IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY THERE IS
APPROXIMATELY 450,000 METRIC TONS (MT), WHICH IS ALMOST
ENOUGH TO CONDUCT ONE MONTH'S DISTRIBUTION. TOTAL TONNAGE
DISTRIBUTED PER MONTH IN THE NORTH IS 50,000-60,000 MT PER
MONTH AND IN THE SOUTH/CENTRAL REGIONS IS 400,000-420,000 MT
PER MONTH, TOTALING 25.8 MILLION BENEFICIARIES IN NOVEMBER.

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WFP'S EDP WAREHOUSES IN THE NORTH ARE RATHER SMALL. THE
DAHUK WAREHOUSE HOLDS ONLY 3,000-4,000 MT, THE ONE IN ARBIL
IS A BIT LARGER, AND THE ONE IN SULAYMANIAH CAN STOCK FOR ONE
MONTH. THIS MEANS THE NORTH CANNOT/CANNOT CURRENTLY STORE
EVEN ONE MONTH'S OF FOOD. SINCE A TWO-MONTH DISTRIBUTION WAS
GIVEN IN DECEMBER (FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH), WFP REPORTS THE
WAREHOUSES CURRENTLY HAVE VERY LITTLE. TEA AND SUGAR
PRIMARILY.

1B. (C) WFP ALSO RELAYED THAT IT NEVER/NEVER STORES WHEAT
FLOUR IN THE NORTH, AS IT IS TRANSPORTED DIRECTLY FROM THE
MILLS IN MOSUL AND/OR KIRKUK TO THE EDP POINTS, WHERE IT IS
TRANS-SHIPED ONTO SMALLER TRUCKS WITH THE OTHER COMMODITIES
FOR DELIVERY TO THE FOOD/FLOUR AGENTS.

1C. (C) OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, WFP HAS OVER 6,000 MT
BISCUITS STORED IN TURKEY AND 3,000 MT RICE THAT WILL BE
STORED IN JORDAN (ON ITS WAY FROM VIET NAM). THESE FOODS ARE
FOR WFP'S NUTRITIONAL PROJECT (PRRO 6085 - WHICH ENDS JUNE
30, 2003) BUT WFP HAS PURCHASED A LARGER QUANTITY AS A
CONTINGENCY MEASURE. WFP HAS PUT INTO PLACE NOW ARRANGEMENTS
WITH SYRIA TO BORROW 40,000 MT OF WHEAT FROM ITS NATIONAL
STOCKS. A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE WITH A
PARASTATAL IN TURKEY FOR 4,000 MT WHEAT. DISCUSSIONS
CONTINUE WITH THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING LOANS OF
WHEAT. WFP ALSO SIGNED A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE IRAN RED
CRESCENT WHEREBY IT AGREED TO PROVIDE A FULL RATION TO
250,000 PEOPLE FOR ONE MONTH. WFP'S EMERGENCY OPERATION
(EMOP) FOR IRAQ WAS SIGNED ON DECEMBER 23. IT REQUESTS
PULSES AND OIL, WHICH WOULD COMPLEMENT THE WHEAT LOANS, FOR
900,000 BENEFICIARIES FOR TEN WEEKS.

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1D. (C) IN THE NORTH, WFP CONTROLS ACCESS TO THE THREE
WAREHOUSES IN THE NORTH; THE MOT CONTROLS ACCESS TO ALL OTHER
WAREHOUSES, MILLS, AND SILOS.

15. (S) QUESTION 3.2 IN REF A. WHO CONTROLS THE COMPILATION
OF, AND ACCESS TO, THE BENEFICIARY RATION LISTS? WFP
MAINTAINS THE BENEFICIARY DATABASE IN THE NORTH AND THE MOT
MAINTAINS THE LISTS FOR SOUTH/CENTRAL. WITH THAT SAID,
HOWEVER, THE MOT EXERTS CONTROL OVER THE ENTIRE SYSTEM. AS
REPORTED IN REF B, THE GOI IS CURRENTLY EXPELLING KURDS FROM
THE KIRKUK AREA AND SENDING THEM NORTH. WFP IS INTERVENING
WITH THE MOT ON THE KURDS' BEHALF TO HAVE THE DISPLACED
KURDS' NAMES REMOVED FROM THE GOI FOOD DISTRIBUTION LISTS IN
THE CENTRAL REGION SO THEY CAN BE ADDED TO WFP'S LISTS IN THE
NORTH. AND AS STATED ABOVE, THE MOT DETERMINES THE NORTH'S
MONTHLY FOOD SHIPMENT BASED ON THE LISTS. IF WFP ADDED THE
DISPLACED KURDS TO ITS LISTS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE MOT, WFP
WOULD NOT RECEIVE ENOUGH RATIONS FOR ALL BENEFICIARIES.

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111. (S) QUESTION 4.4.5.6 WFP IS UNABLE TO SHED ANY LIGHT ON THE QUESTIONS REGARDING TANKERING OPERATIONS AT THE PORT SINCE IT HAS NO STAFF WORKING IN THE PORT. IT SUGGESTS THAT OIP WOULD BE A BETTER SOURCE.

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 112. (C) AS REPORTED IN REF B, WFP HAS FORMED A TASK FORCE
 THAT HAS HELD TWO MEETINGS THUS FAR. THE NEXT MEETING IS ON
 JANUARY 2. ONE OF ITS FIRST TASKS HAS BEEN TO IDENTIFY
 POTENTIAL STAFF THAT COULD BE PULLED FROM OTHER OPERATIONS.
 IT IS COMPILING A ROSTER AND NOTIFYING THE STAFF REGARDING
 THEIR POTENTIAL INVOLVEMENT IN A POTENTIAL WFP GULF
 OPERATION. THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF
 OPERATIONS, JEAN-JACQUES GRAISSE, IS ALSO BECOMING VERY
 PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE CONTINGENCY PLANNING ASPECTS.

VIEWS ON RE-ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT SYSTEM

113. (S) THE KEY TO RE-STARTING THE CURRENT FOOD DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, IF THE ENTIRE OR PARTS OF THE SYSTEM ARE DERAILED, IS THE MOT AND THE WFP NATIONAL STAFF. AS STATED IN REF B AND REITERATED IN PARA 3 ABOVE, THE MOT PLAYS A TREMENDOUS ROLE IN THE SYSTEM, FROM START TO FINISH. IF POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE, U.S. MISSION RECOMMENDS THE USG CONTEMPLATE HOW BEST TO CONTACT THESE INDIVIDUALS IF THERE IS A REGIME CHANGE, IN ORDER TO ASK/ENCOURAGE THEM TO RESUME THEIR PRIOR DUTIES. IN THESE STAFF KNOW THEIR JOBS WELL, AND AS IT IS DESCRIBED, THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS A WELL OILED-MACHINE THAT REQUIRES MINIMUM DAILY MAINTENANCE TO KEEP IT GOING, BUT THE MOT STAFF ARE KEY.

114. (S) WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WFP ADAPT THE SAME DUTIES FOR THE SOUTH/CENTRAL REGION THAT IT CURRENTLY ASSUMES IN THE NORTH, WITH SOME ADDITIONAL ONES. THE MOT STAFF COULD CONTINUE THEIR SAME DUTIES BUT WITH CLOSER OVERSIGHT AND SECRET

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DIRECTION FROM WFP. THESE DUTIES WOULD INCLUDE MAKING
INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL (IF SANCTIONS WERE LIFTED) TENDERS
FOR THE FOOD, CONTRACTING THE EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL
TRANSPORT, MANAGEMENT OF THE PIPELINE, MAINTENANCE OF THE
BENEFICIARY DATABASE FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, AND OVERSEEING
THE MILLING AND STORAGE OPERATION. (NOTE: WE UNDERSTAND
THERE IS SOME SKIMMING TAKING PLACE ON THE INTERNATIONAL
PURCHASES. WFP WOULD HAVE THE TOUGH JOB OF CLEANING THIS UP.
END NOTE.)

115. (S) IN ORDER FOR WFP TO HAVE MONEY FOR THE FOOD PURCHASES, THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL NEEDS TO GIVE WFP LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF THE CURRENT OIP FOOD CONTRACTS. AND AS REPORTED IN REF B, WFP NEEDS TO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN A POST-CONFLICT ZONE DETERMINE THE STATUS OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING: 1) HOUSEHOLD FOOD SECURITY; 2) WHAT IS LEFT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN EACH AREA; 3) THE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE MOT; 4) CURRENT STOCKS IN COUNTRY AND WHAT IS IN THE OFF PIPELINE. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, USG PERSONNEL SHOULD ASSIST WFP IN THESE TASKS.

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16. (S) U.S. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT ANOTHER MEETING BE HELD WITH WFP STAFF IN ROME OR WASHINGTON WITH KEY USG PLANNING MILITARY AND HUMANITARIAN PERSONNEL THE SECOND OR THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 12. IF WE DECIDE ON A DATE NOW, WE CAN ENSURE THAT KEY WFP PERSONNEL ARE IN THE MEETING SO THAT DETAILED DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ALL FACETS OF THE OPERATION CAN TAKE PLACE. AS WAS STATED BY THE CENTCOM STAFF IN THE DECEMBER 12 MEETING, WFP WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE AFTERMATH OF ANY

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MILITARY ACTIVITY, AND IT BENEFITS US ALL TO INCLUDE THEM IN OUR DIALOGUE.
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